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DHS Announces Food Stamp Disaster Relief for Arkansas and Phillips Counties

(Little Rock--) The Department of Human Services has announced counties eligible to receive Food Stamp Disaster Assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, has approved the following counties for the Disaster Food Stamp Program (DFSP) as a result of the May 10th severe storms and tornados: **Arkansas and Phillips Counties.** Any household that resided within one of the designated counties at the time of the May 10th severe storms and tornados and suffered disaster losses may be eligible to receive temporary food stamp assistance.

Residents in any of the designated counties may be eligible if the household experienced at least one of the following conditions as a direct result of the **May 10, 2008** storms and tornados:

- Loss of food
- Damage to or destruction of the home or self-employment business.
- Loss or inaccessibility of income including a reduction or termination of income or a significant delay in receiving income due to disaster related problems.
- Disaster-related expenses (home or business repairs, temporary shelter, evacuation, etc) that are not expected to be reimbursed during the disaster benefit period.

Please note that residents seeking assistance may apply beginning Thursday, May 29, 2008 through Wednesday, June 4, 2008 to be eligible for the Disaster Food Stamp Program. To apply please contact your local DHS office.